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1. North Vietnam

Hanoi may lose its major Free World source of convertible foreign exchange. The Japanese buyers of North Vietnamese coal are now said to be seeking other suppliers, in part because of the unreliability of shipping from North Vietnam coal ports.

Last year these coal sales to Japan provided Hanoi with about half its total hard currency earnings. This has financed much of the continued North Vietnamese purchasing in the Free World, principally Japan.

2. South Vietnam

Former civilian premier Phan Huy Quat is pessimistic over the prospects for elections in September. [REDACTED]

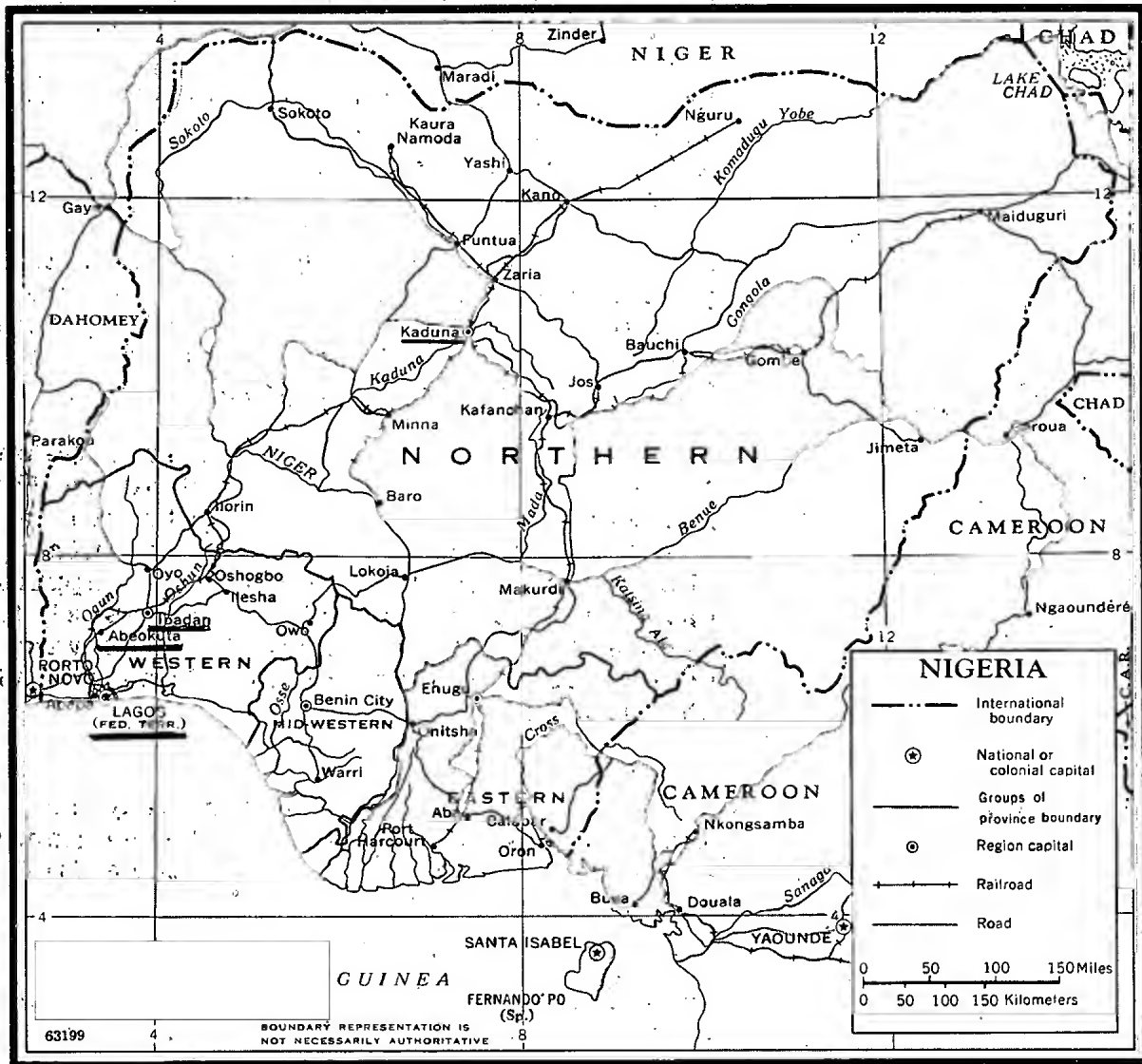
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3. Guatemala

One of the major Communist factions has already spurned the congressional amnesty decree passed on Wednesday. The leader of this group, in an unprecedented "press conference," vowed to continue its violent struggle against the army, which he claimed still dominates Mendez Montenegro's government.

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4. Nigeria

The situation remains highly confused and explosive.

The international airport west of Lagos remains in the hands of military units dominated by rebellious northerners, as do the cities of Abeokuta and Ibadan. (See map) Troops sent from Lagos to recover the airport were ambushed with heavy casualties, and two Europeans caught up in the action were killed.

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Nothing has been heard from General Ironsi, and he may well be dead in Ibadan. Ironsi's deputy and the deputy police chief in Lagos are trying to maintain the government's authority, but appear to have no reliable military forces at their disposal. They are said to be trying to negotiate a compromise settlement with the dissidents.

5. Congo

The still unresolved mutiny in Kisangani seems to be unsettling Mobutu and driving him to more and more impulsive acts.

Mobutu, apparently believing the mutiny is part of a Belgian-sponsored plot against him, today considered closing the Belgian Consulate in Lubumbashi (Elisabethville).

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6. Turkey

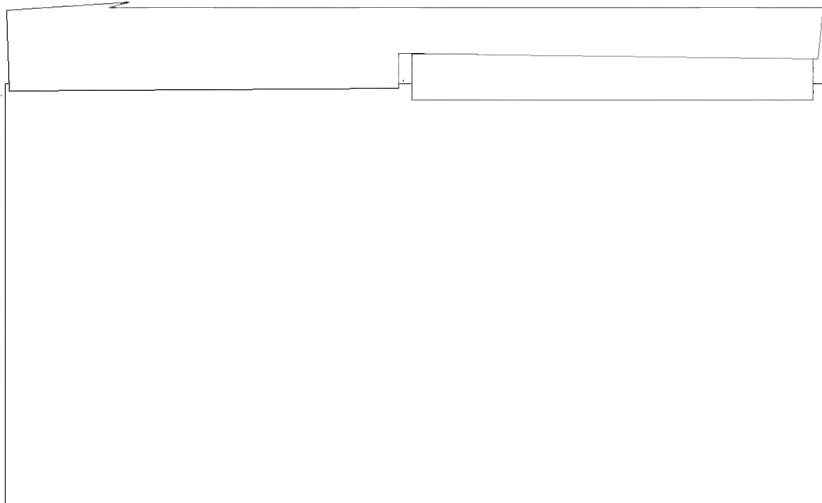
Italian Foreign Minister Fanfani, recently back from Turkey, has passed on his observations.

He said he found the Turks concerned by a feeling of isolation from the center of NATO, and apparently believing the US to be more favorably disposed toward Greece than Turkey. He felt the military, although strongly pro-NATO, was experiencing some uneasiness.

Fanfani noted that the Soviets are moving cleverly to improve relations with Turkey and are buttering up the opposition party. He did not say there was a tendency toward neutralism, but he feels there is a danger of such a feeling developing.

We agree with this reading, and believe that maintenance of the US presence and operations in Turkey will become more difficult--and more expensive in terms of quid pro quo--in the months immediately ahead.

7. Egypt



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